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Please extend the time for response to the Official Action dated January 14, 2008 by two months from April 14, 2008 to June 16, 2008 (June 14, 2008 falling on a Saturday). The payment for the requisite fee is submitted concurrently herewith.

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